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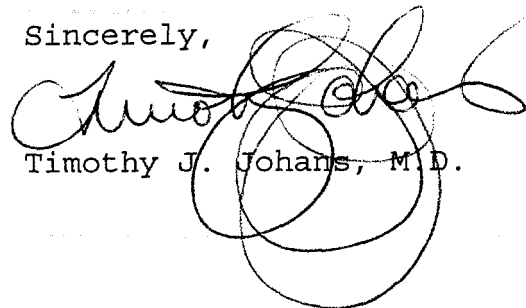
RE: Docket No. 97N-484S

Dear Sir or Madame,

I want you to be aware that I, as a neurosurgeon, and my patients would be severely affected by any decrease in availability of bone products that I use for allograft fusions in my spine patients. Any drop of supply will require me to do a second painful and potentially dangerous operation by harvesting the patient's own bone. This will definitely will increase cost, pain, inpatient stay, and decrease their overall results.

I think it is imperative that the bone supply be continued during any kind of negotiations or litigations happening through your office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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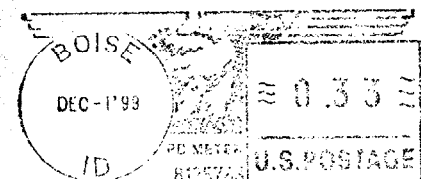
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